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Statement of CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow Following Guilty Plea in the Officer Earl Scott Murder Case

“On behalf of the entire CHP family, I wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the Stanislaus County District Attorney’s Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Department of Justice, and local law enforcement agencies who brought this case together and all the supporters of the CHP and Officer Earl Scott.

Today, justice has finally been served for the needless and cold-blooded killing of Officer Scott. While a guilty plea can never erase the pain, sorrow and devastating loss felt by Earl’s family and friends, including his CHP family, may the finality of a plea and a life sentence in this case at least bring some measure of relief that this part of the process is over.

Officer Scott was killed while performing his job - conducting a traffic stop near Salida in February 2006. He was an exceptional member of the CHP, serving the citizens of the Stanislaus County area as a patrol officer. Earl Scott was a consummate professional who worked tirelessly to make the highways of California safer.

The memory of Earl and the other 219 heroes of the CHP who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty will always serve as reminders to all of us about the dangers of our profession.

This senseless killing has forever changed many lives. Though the judicial process is over and the sentence imposed, the CHP, family and friends will always remember Officer Scott’s sacrifice and the tragedy of a life cut too short. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family, friends and coworkers of Officer Scott.”

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